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SUBJ: MEETING WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL

SUMMARY: INCONCLUSIVE MEETING WITH DG REVEALED: I MAY NOT REPEAT
NOT BE MEETING SIAD BEFORE COM MEETING; SOVIETS AND CUBANS DID NOT
UNDERSTAND DEPTH SOMALI OGADEN CONCERNS; THAT GSDR WILL NOT DEPART
FROM SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST PATH; AND RED SEA CONFERENCE HORN STATES
STILL UP IN AIR. END SUMMARY.

1. I MET WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL DOCTOR ABDURAHMAN JAMA BARRE
AT TEN A.M. ON SATURDAY APRIL 30 AT HIS REQUEST.
2. DG, DECIDEDLY MORE OUTGOING AND FRIENDLY THAN CUSTOMARY SAID
THAT PRESIDENT SIAD AWARE MY REQUEST SEE HIM BUT HE EXTREMELY BUSY
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AND DG DOUBTED MEETING POSSIBLE BEFORE MY DEPARTURE FOR COM. DG
HOWEVER, PLEASED CONVEY MESSAGES TO SIAD. THANKING DG I TOLD
HIM I WAS KEEPING IN DAILY TOUCH WITH DIRECTOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICE PRESIDENCY, WHO TRYING ARRANGE APPOINTMENT. MEANWHILE,
HOPED DG WOULD BE ABLE GIVE ME HIS VIEWS ON EVENTS WHICH HAD
TAKEN PLACE SINCE MY DEPARTURE.

3. DG SAID PODGORNYY/CASTRO VISIT HAD BEEN ABSOLUTE FIASCO. NEITHER HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT SOMALIA WOULD NEVER JOIN ANY FEDERATION SOCIALIST STATES IN HORN UNTIL RESOLUTION PROBLEM SELF DETERMINATION OGADEN SOMALIS. THIS WAS CENTRAL CONCERN AND GSDR ANSWER TO PROPOSAL WAS UNEQUIVOCAL NO.

4. DG REVIEWED HISTORY ETHIOPIAN PERFIDIOUSNESS GOING BACK TO MENELIK II AND HAILE SELASSIE'S INFAMY IN LAUNCHING MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST SOMALIA IN 1961 AND 1964. CONTINUING HE NOTED ETHIOPIA ONLY ACQUIRED SOMALI TERRITORY WITH COLLUSION EUROPEAN COLONIAL POWERS IN 1880'S. PRIOR THAT, "AS ALL REPUTABLE HISTORIANS KNOW", ABYSSINIAN KINGDOM WAS CONFINED TO ETHIOPIAN HIGHLANDS.

5. DG NOTED THAT INTL'S MEDIA, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS PROPAGANDA, WAS STATING THAT GSDR READY TO FOREGO ITS CHOICE SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM AND SWITCH HORSES. SAID GSDR'S ADOPTION SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM WAS SOMALIS CHOICE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT ANY PRESSURE OR PRE-CONDITIONS ON PART THEIR SOVIET FRIENDS (SIC). I INTERJECTED THAT DG AND I HAD AGREED TO DISAGREE ON THIS POINT IN PAST AND HOPED WE COULD CONTINUE DO SO.

6. CONTINUING, DG NOTED RUMORS CURRENT MOGADISCIO THAT SOVIETS HAD ABANDONED SOMALIA, SLOWED DOWN ITS MILITARY DELIVERIES AND SELECTED NEW CLIENTS IN HORN. CHARACTERIZING FOREGOING AS TOTALLY INCORRECT, DG SAID SOVIET ARM DELIVERIES CONTINUING ON SCHEDULE AND SOMALI REMAINS NON-ALIGNED AND OPEN TO ANY FOREIGN NATION WHICH WILL RESPECT ITS DIGNITY AND CHOICE GOVERNMENT. I REPEATED OUR LONG STANDING AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE THIS POINT.

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7. REPLYING TO MY QUESTION ON CONFERENCE HORN'S RED SEA STATES, DG SAID SUBJECT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

8. REGARDING ARAB FINANCIAL OVERTURES DG SAID GSDR REMAINS SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST STATE DEMANDING COMPLETE RESPECT FOR ITS CHOICE SOCIALIST PATH DEVELOP GSDR.

COMMENT: HISTORY ETHIOPIAN COLONIZATION SOMALI TERRITORY OCCUPIED HOUR AND HALF CONVERSATION, TAKEN VERBATIM FROM SDR'S 1974 PUBLICATION "THE PORTION OF SOMALI TERRITORY UNDER ETHIOPIAN COLONIZATION" (INR HAS COPY). DG APOPLECTIC DENOUNCING RUSSIANS AND CUBANS WHOM HE CHARACTERIZED AS IGNORANT FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF OGADEN SOMALIS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. STILL HOPE SEE SIAD, AND REMAINING IN CONTACT WITH OFFICE PRESIDENCY. LOUGHRAN

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